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For: SEALED BATTERY WITH LESS ELECTROLYTE LEAKAGE

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 19, 2001

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the outstanding Office Action dated July 17, 2001, the period to respond being extended one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time from October 17, 2001 to November 19, 2001. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) The sealed battery according to claim 3, wherein a size of the shielding member relative to a diameter of the gas release hole is equal to or greater than the thin film.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 4 is amended. No new matter is presented.